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## FALLS FROM CAR AND IS ARRESTED

Mysterious Passenger Held for Investigation.

HAD MAIL CARRIER'S UNIFORM

Man Claiming to Be Resident of Annapolis Tells Conflicting Stories and Refuses to Reveal Identity. Police Believe Uniform Is Part of Masquerade—Taken from Hospital.

Police of the Ninth precinct are trying to solve the mystery surrounding a man who was arrested on suspicion after he fell from a car of the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis line at Fifteenth and H streets northeast shortly after 6 o'clock last night.

He was clad in the uniform of a letter carrier, but the police say investigation disclosed the fact that he is not in the postal service, and has not been for at least a number of years. Conflicting stories told by the prisoner and his apparent intention of keeping his real identity a secret led the police to believe the man has some good reason to fear the revelation of certain facts concerning himself.

The police have been unable to learn at what point the man boarded the car. When the car stopped at the White House station, he started to alight with other passengers. As he was about to step to the ground his foot caught on the step and he fell headlong. He was bruised and cut when picked up. Bicycle Policemen Dellamio, of the Ninth precinct, aided the man, and questioned him. The man's replies aroused the suspicion of Dellamio, who arrested him.

From Hospital to Jail.

The man was removed to Casualty Hospital, where his injuries were dressed, and he was then removed to the Ninth precinct station and locked in a cell. He gave the name of Clarence Anderson, said he was twenty-five years old, and gave his home address as Annapolis. He refused to say where he lived in Annapolis and when questioned closely said he might not live in Annapolis. He wore a yachting cap with the mail carrier's uniform. Asked where he got the uniform, the prisoner said it belonged to his brother. He would not give his brother's name or address.

A pawn ticket, issued by a Washington broker, was found in his pocket, but he had nothing else in his possession to excite suspicion. The prisoner would not say where he was going when he started to alight from the car, and he also refused to tell at what place he boarded the car. The conductor did not remember where the man got on.

The police believed that the injuries received by the man when he fell from the car and struck his head might have impaired his memory temporarily, but physicians at the hospital say the patient was uninjured except for the minor cuts and bruises he sustained.

At the hospital the man hinted that he came of a wealthy family of Baltimore, and that his uniform was a masquerade, but the police do not credit the story. He denied he had said it after he was removed to the station.

HIS DEATH EXAGGERATED.

Mark Twain's Explanation Applies in This Case.

Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 26.—In response to a telegram of sympathy sent to the parents of William Gear, supposed to have been killed in the fire at Cincinnati last Wednesday, by the members of Huntington's central fire department, by whom he was well known, the following telegram was received: "Telegram received. Deceased was not me. Will write soon. WILLIAM GEAR."

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## SAYS PHILIPPINES NEED MORE FUNDS

Gen. Edwards Recommends Bond Increase.

CIVIC IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED

In Annual Report, Chief of Bureau of Insular Affairs Asks \$5,000,000 Increase in Bonded Indebtedness of Islands—Postal Savings Bank Proves Successful in Far East.

Brig. Gen. Clarence R. Edwards, Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs of the War Department, recommends in his annual report made public yesterday, that the maximum bonded indebtedness of the Philippine Islands be increased from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000, in order to permit additional public improvements.

"The act of Congress of February 6, 1905," Gen. Edwards says, "authorized the Philippine government to incur a maximum bonded indebtedness of \$5,000,000 for the construction of port works, roads, bridges, schools, and other public improvements. The entire indebtedness thus authorized has been incurred through three issues of bonds, the proceeds of which have been devoted to public works, the most important being the harbor improvements at Manila, Cebu, and Iloilo, which have made the former one of the best harbors in the east. The entire proceeds of the bond issue have been appropriated and nearly all have been expended.

"In order to carry on the work at present authorized or necessary to be undertaken in the near future, a bill was introduced at the last session to increase the limit of bonded indebtedness for these purposes to \$10,000,000, subject to the same restrictions as fixed by the original act. This bill passed the Senate, and after a full hearing was favorably reported to the House, where it now is awaiting action.

Legislation Is Approved.

"The governor general, with the support of the Philippine Commission, has earnestly recommended this legislation, and the Secretary of War has approved the measure; and in view of the safeguards provided, which guarantee careful consideration before any issue of bonds can be made, and the present excellent financial condition of the islands, it is believed that favorable action by the House is fully guaranteed."

The operation of the postal savings bank, he continues, has been successful, and there are about 22,257 pesos deposited by 4,223 persons. He recommended that the rate of interest be increased from 2 1/2 to 3 per cent.

"The summarization of trade returns," Gen. Edwards adds, "is ample to show that the establishment of free commercial relations between the two countries marks a new era in the material development of the islands."

"In both imports and exports the values recorded far exceeded those of any previous year. Imports amounted to \$7,067,520 and were \$3,752,231 in excess of those of 1909, while there was an increase of \$3,570,608 in the export total of \$3,581,169 for 1910. In both branches of the trade the United States was credited with the larger part of these increases, imports of American goods more than doubling in value, and exports increasing more than 80 per cent."

Porto Rico Prosperous.

Conditions in Porto Rico, he adds, are prosperous. There has been no serious political agitation, and there is an encouraging commercial and industrial development. The general health of the islands has been good, the mortality rate being 22.10 per 1,000, which compares favorably with other countries. The hookworm disease, he says, is gradually being brought under control, but the work is being conducted wholly with local funds, progress is necessarily slow. There has been a rapid extension, the report adds, of good macadamized roads throughout the island.

The Dominican customs receivership, Gen. Edwards says, is in satisfactory condition. During the five years of its operation \$15,553,523 has been collected and distributed in accordance with the modus vivendi and the subsequent conventions. The receipts under the operation of the new Dominican tariff indicate a return to normal and healthy trade conditions. The report concludes:

"The revenue realized gives assurance of the fact that the efforts to secure a measure that will both meet the conventional requirements and satisfy the fiscal needs of the Dominican government. The new tariff legislation has been favorably received, and the outlook is encouraging for a year of increased business that should promote a more general prosperity throughout the republic."

BALK KING'S HUNTING PLANS.

Thieves Steal Wire and Police Surveillance Is No Longer Possible.

Rome, Dec. 26.—Seven hundred and sixty-three yards of the telephone wires between the Quirinal and the royal castle of Castel Porziano were stolen last night. The king will be unable to go shooting at Castel Porziano, as police surveillance is impossible until the telephone line is repaired.

FIREMAN VICTIM OF ACCIDENT.

Locomotive Overturns and Driver Is Seriously Scalded.

New York, Dec. 26.—A fireman was instantly killed and an engine driver badly scalded to-day when a locomotive, running light between Jersey City and Weehawken, took the wrong switch and crashed into a bumper at Seventeenth street and Hoboken avenue. The engine overturned crushing the life out of the fireman and then the escaping steam scalded the engine driver.

The dead man, David Row, twenty-five years, lived at Union Hill.

The engine driver is Bernard Ronk, thirty years old, of 418 West Twenty-first street, New York. He was taken to Christ Hospital.

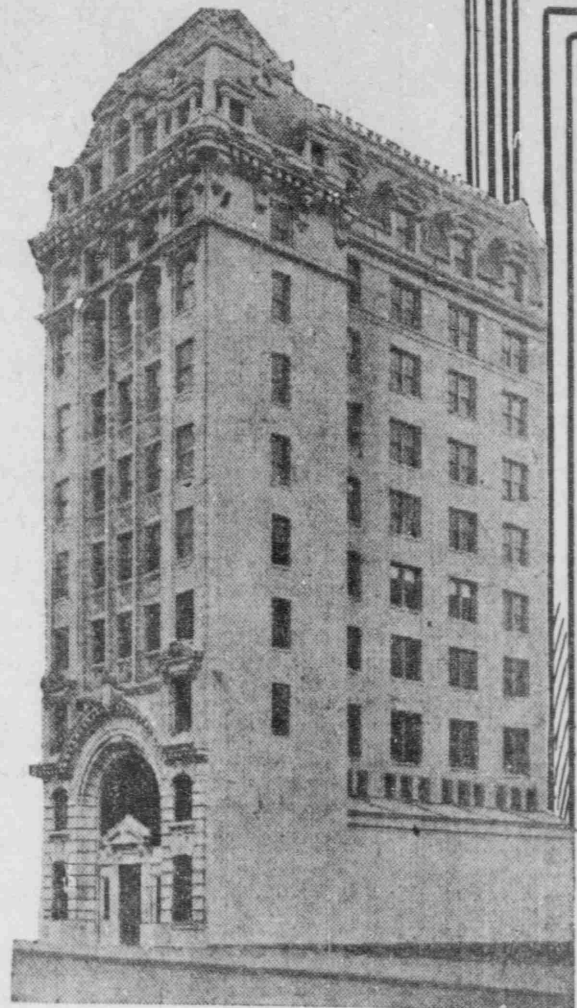
There was a great rush of escaping steam when the accident occurred and then the engine took fire. The fire department succeeded in extinguishing the blaze.

SEE FREE ENTRY OF FISH.

Canadians Thus Interpret Decision of Our Treasury Department.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Advice received here to-day from St. John's, Newfoundland, state that the British Kmt issy at Washington has informed the government of Newfoundland that the United States Treasury Department has decided that fish caught in Newfoundland waters by Americans with the assistance of native Newfoundland fishermen shall in future be admitted free of duty to the United States.

This is an official authorization of a practice heretofore said to exist without legal authority and will not be changed except by an amendment of the laws regarding customs entries. In the opinion of the Canadian papers it foreshadows the free entry of fish to the United States from Newfoundland.



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## MAY UNITE PHOTO BUREAUS

Central Plant Is Urged for Agriculture Department.

Economy Committee May Recommend Consolidation in Order to Save Big Sum.

A bureau of photography for the Department of Agriculture will probably be the outcome of the President's economy committee, which has been investigating the administration of the department for the past two months. The committee has not made its report to Secretary Wilson, but it is generally thought the members will be unanimous in making such a recommendation.

According to L. S. Williams, of the division of publications, the government is now spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in the maintenance of photographic establishments for practically every division and bureau in the department. He says by the consolidation of all these separate offices into one bureau much money could be saved.

It is generally thought Secretary Wilson is in favor of such a change, as it would be the means of saving much money for his department.

Of the nine bureau chiefs in the department, four have already expressed themselves as being in favor of the change. The five others have not declared themselves in the matter. Prof. W. A. Stillman, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, is thought to be in opposition to the change, although he would not express himself regarding it.

HOLIDAY, BUT TAFT WORKS.

President Taft surprised and disappointed the force at the Executive office yesterday by buckling down to work, although it was a holiday in Washington. He says by the consolidation of all these separate offices into one bureau much money could be saved.

The President had only one or two callers, but he looked over a lot of mail and dictated a number of letters. In the afternoon he went out to get some fresh air, and the evening was passed quietly at the White House.

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## PLAN FOR RECIPROCITY.

Negotiations for United States-Canada Convention to Be Resumed.

Negotiations for a reciprocity convention between the United States and Canada will be resumed at the State Department shortly after the middle of January. The conferences will be a continuation of those held several months ago in Ottawa.

Chandler P. Anderson, who was recently appointed counselor of the State Department, succeeding the late Henry M. Hoyt, will be in charge of the American end of the negotiations. He will be assisted by Charles M. Pepper, a commercial expert of the Bureau of Trade Relations. It is expected that the Canadian officials will reach Washington about January 15. The conferences will last several weeks.

WILL SOON BUILD DAM.

Agreement Made with Mexico for River Improvement.

By an exchange of notes between the State Department and the Mexican Embassy Saturday, final arrangements were made for the construction of a dam and levee on the Lower Colorado River. At its last session Congress appropriated for the carrying on of this work \$1,000,000, which was to be expended under the direction of the President.

Under the arrangements just completed by the two governments the construction work will be actually carried on by the Colorado River Land Company, a Mexican corporation whose stockholders are Americans. Gen. Otis being president of the company. It is provided by the notes that the works shall be built by the Mexican company in accordance with surveys approved by a Mexican engineer; the riparian rights on both sides of the river are to be respected, the Mexican government neither guaranteeing the result of the works nor incurring any responsibility thereby.

The Mexican government agrees to arrange duty free importation of all tools and materials necessary for the construction of the works.

Oscar Lawler, Assistant Attorney General for the Department of the Interior, has gone to Mexico to complete the final details of this arrangement.

TRAGEDY FOLLOWS QUARREL.

Young Negro Ends Life After Killing an Acquaintance.

Rockville, Md., Dec. 26.—A murder and suicide was the result of a Christmas celebration at the home of Isaac Copeland, colored, near Laytonsville, this county. Leonard Thomas, a nineteen-year-old negro, shot and instantly killed Copeland, and some time later took his own life in a corn field near by by sending a bullet into his head.

Thomas dropped into the Copeland home early last evening, and found a number of other visitors there. He joined in the celebration, which consisted, it is said, principally of drinking, and he and Copeland had words. Later, while Copeland was not looking, Thomas, it is said, pulled his revolver and shot him in the temple, killing him instantly.

Thomas then left, no one attempting to hinder him.

This morning Aden D. Allgut, a farmer, discovered the dead body of Thomas in a corn field on his farm. He had apparently been dead several hours. A bullet hole in his temple and a revolver on the ground near by told how he met his death.

Docks to cost \$300,000 will be built by the Erie Railroad at Cleveland.

## TAFT AND COLONEL IN ACCORD

Roosevelt Will Support President for Renomination Is Report.

Communication Between Men in Recent Weeks Puts End to Report of Continued Enmity.

It was stated yesterday that President Taft and Col. Roosevelt have been in close communication for some weeks past. The President, it was said, has received and has sent letters to the colonel, and has in other way communicated with him. These letters, so report says, have touched upon questions of domestic concern, international affairs, and party politics.

Politicians in Washington are inclined to the belief that when the time comes the colonel will make it known that he is favorable to the renomination of the President. This idea is not newly created, it was suggested during and immediately after the late campaign, when the political atmosphere in Washington was surcharged with reports that the relations between Mr. Taft and his former chief were frigid, and that the time was not far removed when there would be an open break. The logic of the situation, politicians here say, calls for an alignment of Col. Roosevelt with President Taft. They declare that the progressives distrust Col. Roosevelt. They charge him with being inconsistent on the tariff, pointing to his attitude in the New York State convention as compared with his utterances on the subject in Western States.

The reports that Mr. Taft and Col. Roosevelt are in correspondence have excited a good deal of interest, especially among insurgents who have in mind presenting a candidate of their own to the Republican national convention of 1912.

Persons here who ought to know say that if there was a breach between the President and the colonel it has been closed. Both Mr. Taft and Col. Roosevelt, politicians say, know that the effort to tighten party lines must be begun at once if there is to be a favorable result in 1912. President Taft has said that he is not seeking renomination. He has indicated clearly enough, however, that if the people desire him to run again he will do so. The President foresaw the defeat of last November, but now he is said to be convinced that there is a good chance of retrieving the result of November 8.

SHOOTS HIS SWEETHEART.

Negro Youth Says Shotgun Was Accidentally Discharged.

Rockville, Md., Dec. 26.—Daisy Crockett, colored, aged fifteen years, was shot and killed last night by Oscar Dove, colored, aged twenty-one years, who was calling on her. The shooting occurred in the girl's home, at Scotland, three miles from Rockville. Dove was the only witness, and he declares it was an accident, explaining that he was handling the shotgun when it was discharged.

The girl was shot in the back near the left side. She fell dead upon the sleeping form of her father, who was on a couch in the room. Dove went to his home near by, where he was located by Sheriff Vielt and arrested. An inquest will be held here to-morrow.

More than two miles of silk frequently are taken from a single cocoon.

## SISTERS BURNED TO DEATH.

Gas Escapes and Explosion Follows in Home Near Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 25.—Maggie, aged fourteen, and Elsie, aged eighteen years, beautiful daughters of Henry Bryan, of Coraopolis, are dead, and Harry Bryan, the twenty-four-year-old son, is so badly injured that he may die, all as the result of an explosion of gas at 3 a. m. Mr. Bryan, his wife, and two other children, were injured in the explosion, but not seriously.

The Bryan home is a fine one, standing back from the street at 125 Mill street, Coraopolis, a residence suburb, and the family did not retire until after midnight. The tube attached to a gas stove in an outhouse, back of the residence, appears to have become detached, later allowing gas to escape.

The gas soon attained sufficient volume to be dangerous, and an explosion occurred, but not until the gas had permeated most rooms in the house in sufficient quantities to explode when a flame was touched. The two girls were blown from their bed and so badly injured that they died some hours later. Harry, the brother, was so badly burned in trying to beat out the flames from his sisters' clothing that he will likely die.

For a time the neighbors feared to come to where the distressed family were in the burning home, fearing more explosions, and the fire got such a start that it was with difficulty that the house was saved.

The banks of Australia had on March 31, \$735,500,000 of deposits, an increase over the prior year of \$50,000,000.

## PRESIDENT INDORSES MOVE

Will Address Meeting of Tariff Association.

Delegates from Trade Bodies to Urge Creation of Permanent Board at Convention.

When 500 business men of the country convene in Washington on January 11 and 12 next for the convention of the National Tariff Commission Association, they will find a hearty supporter of their policies in President Taft. The President yesterday announced that he had accepted the invitation of the association to attend its meeting, and gave assurance that he would speak at the banquet on the evening of January 12.

The association has for several years been conducting a campaign in favor of the creation of a permanent independent commission, and numbers among its members many prominent in the political and business activity of the country.

Delegates from nearly 100 trades, besides affiliated bodies, will be in attendance at the coming convention. Prof. Henry C. Emery, chairman of the tariff board, will address the body at one of the sessions, and Senators Beveridge and Cummins and Representative Longworth are also on the programme.

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